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1. In various GDR government offices all non-party members were recently asked to establish a so-called "Parteilosen-Aktiv" (activist group of all non-party members). This Parteilosen-Aktiv was assigned the tasks of arranging: house meetings in East Berlin and conducting propaganda activities in West Berlin workshops and factories. The members of this activist group are to get in contact with the Betriebsraete (representatives of the working force) of West Berlin factories, shops, and administrations, and invite them to the meetings of the Betriebsraete in East Berlin. The West Berlin factories, shops, and administrations in question cannot be chosen by the members of the Parteilosen-Aktiv but are assigned to them by the FDGB.
2. When asked by a non-party member why this action in West Berlin was not laid into the hands of SED members, the secretary of a Betriebspartei-Organisation (SED factory board) answered that the bourgeois circles in West Berlin had to be approached by persons of their own way of living and thinking rather than by SED members. The defection of Dr. John and Schmidt-Wittmack was so encouraging that contacts with bourgeois circles in West Berlin and the German Federal Republic had to be established on a large scale. The chairman of a shop trade-union management announced that activist groups of non-party members would be formed in all administrative authorities and large shops.

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